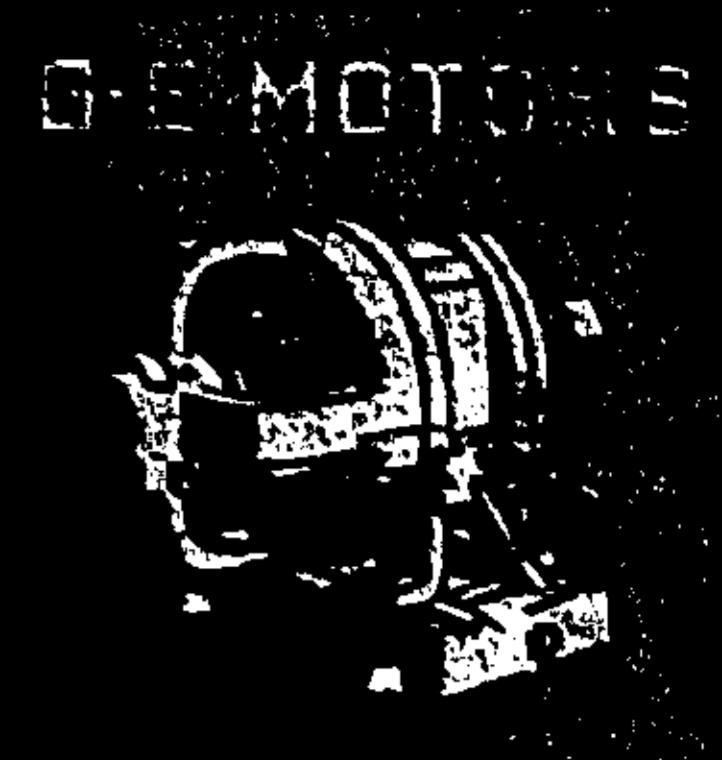


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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE FIUME AFFAIR.

Investing Forces Reinforced.

Rome, December 28.

A message from Trieste, dated December 27, says that firing continued to-day. The investing forces have been reinforced. The Mayor of Fiume has requested an interview with the Commander of the Abazia Division, which has been granted.

Fierce Fighting.

Rome, December 28.

The events at Fiume have caused a painful impression and it is feared will cause agitation throughout the country. The theatres at Milan are closed.

The Government has issued a warning that demonstrators in favour of D'Annunzio will be severely punished.

Sig. Giolitti has informed anxious Deputies that the troops have been ordered as far as possible to avoid bloodshed at Fiume, whose occupation is expected to be completed to-day. He denied the report that D'Annunzio had been killed or wounded or that private houses at Fiume had been shelled, although he admitted that a warship fired a few rounds at D'Annunzio's headquarters and barracks.

Unofficial accounts of the fighting confirm the statement that the Italians refrained from artillery fire, although they encountered houses transformed into machine-gun nests and streets defended with barbed wire. The fighting was fierce. A rebel armoured car made a desperate stand and the crew was killed before the car was captured.

U.S. TARIFF LEGISLATION.

Protection Needed for Farmers.

Washington, December 28.

In the Senate, Senator Hitchcock, the Democratic leader, opposed the Emergency Tariff Bill. He declared that its effect would be to restrict American commerce. He particularly opposed the embargo on Canadian wheat.

Senator McCumber retorted that the entire wheat surplus of Canada was coming to the United States. Senator Stoot said twenty millions' worth of wool was now en route to America. He urged that American farmers should be protected.

The Democrats finally withdrew their opposition to the Republican plan to refer the matter to the Finance Committee in order that the Bill should be disposed of.

U.S. SHIPPING REGULATIONS.

Another Bill Introduced.

New York, December 28.

Senator Jones, the Chairman of the States Commerce Committee, has introduced a Bill requiring foreign ships entering American waters to carry permits issued by the Shipping Board, which will not be granted unless sanitary, food, wages and other conditions are of an equal standard to American vessels.

NEW YORK HARBOUR WORKERS STRIKE.

Support of Masters' and Pilots' Union.

New York, December 28.

The Harbour Boatmen's Union has voted on a strike, which is to begin on January 1, and is sympathetically supported by the Masters, mates and Pilots Union, involving altogether 5,000 men, who refuse to accept a 54-hour week.

FORTIFYING PANAMA CANAL.

Washington, December 28.

The Fortifications Committee are shortly introducing a Bill to Congress whereby the Panama Canal is to be made impregnable to attack from air, land or sea.

ANOTHER STRIKE OVER.

London, December 28.

The Rhondda strikers have decided to return to work, pending negotiations.

DRY-DOCK FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria (B.C.), December 28.

The Government has contracted with Messrs. Lyall and Sons, Montreal, to construct a dry-dock at Esquimalt Navy Yard at a cost of \$4,300,000.

WIN FOR M.C.C.

Bendigo, December 28.

The M.C.C. beat fifteen of Bendigo by an innings and 263 runs.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Shanghai, December 28.

A report from Hunan states that the provincial troops have rested before the Yunnan forces commanded by Li Lit-chuan. All the vernacular papers in Peking have been notified by the ice Authority that Dr. Wellington Koo's telegram has not mentioned anything about the 21 conditions, and that in future any comment in regard to diplomatic matters must be carefully verified before publication.

It is rumoured that the authorities of Fukien, Shensi, Chekiang, Szechuan have requested that an amnesty should be given to

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

Decision of Conference of Ambassadors.

London, December 28.

The question of the disarmament of Germany has reached a critical stage, owing to the failure of the German Government to carry out the provisions of the Spa agreement. The conference of Ambassadors at Paris has decided to refer the matter again to the respective Governments.

According to the Paris Echo, although the German regular army has been reduced to the 100,000 stipulated for by January 1st, Germany still retains armed forces of about 300,000 including police, Customs officers, and forest guards, besides irregular organisations formed during the revolution comprising two million men, with over a million rifles and number of machine guns.

According to Vorwärts, the Allied reply to the German refusal to disband the civic guard in East Prussia and Bavaria is couched in very energetic terms and calls upon Germany to respect the Allied decisions.

CALIFORNIA LAND LAW.

Japan Withdraws Objections.

London, December 28.

A Washington telegram says that after a conference between Mr. Kahn, the Japanese representative and Mr. Morris, American Ambassador to Japan, at the State Department, it was reported in official circles that Japan had withdrawn her objections to the California law prohibiting landholding by Japanese. Mr. Kahn refused to deny or confirm the report but a Congressman who is in close touch with the Japanese question said he believed Britain had advised Japan to withdraw her objections.

"NEWS" FROM HONGKONG MAN.

What the Home Papers are Told.

London, December 28.

Mr. T. B. Partington, from Hongkong, in a special article in the newspaper Financier on trade openings in China, ascertains that the Chinese merchants are gentlemen. As to (British) representatives in China, of which at present the good men are very few and insufficient to cope with the volume of business, he alleges that since the Armistice the representatives he has met had better stay at home, as by falling foul of the Chinese they are ineffectual.

NEWSPAPER DIRECTORS SENTENCED.

The "Freeman's Journal" Case.

London, December 28.

Besides the editor, two Directors of Freeman's Journal have been sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND.

London, December 28.

Altogether eleven were killed and several injured, two banks robbed, and newspaper offices in Dublin and Cork attacked in Ireland during the Christmas holidays.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

WRANGEL'S ARMY.

Paris, Dec. 27.

The remnants of Wrangel's army, distributed between Constantinople, Yugoslavia and Tunis, are becoming a source of anxiety. The conditions of thirty thousand refugees at Cattaro are especially disquieting owing to ravages of typhus, absence of accommodation and lack of communications in a country which is a rocky desert. French newspapers declare that France cannot indefinitely provide the wants of seventy thousand Russians who must find work and earn a living instead of complaining.

TREATY OF VERSAILLES.

Berlin, Dec. 27.

Foreign Minister Simons in an article in the "Frankfurter" declares that the more the Treaty of Versailles is carried into effect the worse becomes the position of the German people. He complains especially that the Allies are hindering the maintenance of civil order by preventing the co-operation of the various volunteer organisations. He believes, however, that the business-like proceedings of the Reparations Experts at Brussels indicate that Germany's war debt will be fixed at reasonable limits.

THE FIUME AFFAIR.

Berlin, Dec. 27.

Hitherto the Italian regulars have lost thirty killed and one hundred wounded in the fighting with D'Annunzio's legions. The latter have broken up four bridges on the Isonzo River. The Municipal Council at Rome adjourned after ordering the flag of the Capital to be half-masted as an expression of anxiety at the events in Fiume.

CLYDE OUTPUT.

London, Dec. 27.

The shipbuilding and engineering output of the Clyde for 1920 is 208 vessels, 660,960 tons deadweight, 1,100,000 horsepower

NEW G. O. C. ARRIVES.

Official Landing at Blake Pier.

By the transport Bremen, which came into port to-day, there arrived the new General Officer Commanding the Troops (Lieut. General, Sir George Macaulay Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.M.) who succeeds Major General F. Ventris, C.B., in the China Command.

The new General made his official landing at Blake Pier at 2 o'clock this afternoon, in the presence of a large assemblage of Staff and other officers. A Guard of Honour was provided by the Wiltshire Regiment.

Amongst those present to welcome the new G.O.C. were Major General F. Ventris, C.B., and the following officers of the Staff—Lieut. Col. W. M. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. Col. R. M. Cross, and Major R. B. Young. The following officers commanding heads of Departments were also present—Lieut. Col. W. Loring, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. Col. R. J. W. Taylor, C.R.E., Lieut. Col. N. Greer, Lieut. Col. A. Delacombe, D.S.O., Lieut. Col. J. R. Wyndham, D.S.O., Major H. Greenaway, Major G. N. Hompries, D.S.O., Major T. M. Wakefield, D.S.O., Major W. O. Sanders, D.S.O., and Capt. H. S. Mills, M.B.E.

Accompanying the General was his A.D.C., Lieutenant C. S. Fisher, M.C., Lady Kirkpatrick and two daughters also arrived on the Bremen.

Lieut. General Sir George Kirkpatrick is staying at the Hongkong Hotel and will make his official call at Government House tomorrow morning.

A DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

Lieutenant General Sir George Macaulay Kirkpatrick has had a most distinguished military career, including considerable active service, for which he has won several decorations. A son of the late Sir George Airey Kirkpatrick, K.C.M.G., ex-Lieutenant Governor of Canada, he was born on August 23rd, 1866. He was educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Canada; Haileybury; and the Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada. Entering the Army in 1885, as a Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, he was promoted Captain in 1894, Major in 1903, Colonel in 1906 and Major General in June, 1915.

General Kirkpatrick's Staff service is as follows—A. D. C. to the G.O.C. Thame District, from August, 1892, to January, 1895; D. A. A. G. (Intelligence) South Africa, from November, 1899, to September, 1902; D. A. Q. M. G., Canada, from September, 1902 to November, 1904; G. S. O. and D. A. Q. M. G., Headquarters Army, from November, 1904, to September, 1906; A. Q. M. G. and G. S. O., Headquarters India, from October, 1906 to May, 1910; Inspector General of the Australian Commonwealth Military Forces from 1910 to January, 1914; Director of Military Operations, Headquarters India, from June, 1914 to January, 1915; Chief of the General Staff, Headquarters India, from January, 1915, to February, 1920.

The new G.O.C. has the following war services to his credit—South African War (1899-1902); On staff; relief of Kimberley and other operations, for which he was twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the Queen's Medal with five clasps and the King's Medal with two clasps. The War of 1914-18. Twice mentioned in despatches, promoted Major-General, awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure (1st Class), and made K.C.B.

GENERAL VENTRIS' MARKWELL.

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DAY BY DAY.

Official Landing at Blake Pier.

Only about twenty military families arrive by the Bremen to-day. Others are expected on the Himalaya, which leaves Home to-morrow. Some recruits for the Police Force arrived by the Bremen.

A hat snatcher operated early this morning at West Point. His victim was Mr. Young, of the Asiatic Trading Company, who reports that his velvet felt hat, of the value of £2, was stolen from him whilst returning early this morning from West Point.

The Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital have received two telegrams from the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Havana requesting them to inform all the Hongkong and Canton Chinese newspapers that owing to the Cuban crisis over ten thousand Chinese labourers are out of employment, and to advise all Chinese not to be misled into believing that Cuba is a fine field to which to emigrate.

Six Fukienese who were found guilty of creating disorder at West Point were to-day fined £5 each on the evidence of Inspector Wills, who stated that, under the impression that an armed robbery was being carried out, he and a party of Police Officers went to Connought Road West, only to discover that the defendants, with others not in custody, were the moving spirits in a big fight in which some three hundred Chinese were engaged.

The British Industries Fair which is organised by the Department of Overseas Trade for the purpose of demonstrating in the most effective manner the nature and scope of British manufactures, will be held in London, Birmingham and Glasgow in February and March of next year. It is hoped that many buyers from Overseas will be attracted. Full particulars may be obtained at the office of the Commercial Secretary to H.M. Legation, New Government Buildings, Hongkong.

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One of the biggest productions shown the year is enjoying a successful season at the Coronet, where capacity houses have been registered since its introduction. For the gorgenesses of its scenes and corresponding merits in relation to acting and atmosphere, it could hardly be excelled, though there are those who think that the plot is a little dull at times. However, this is more than compensated by the novelty of the scenes which are associated with native life in the Turkish capital. The production which is entitled "The Virgin of Stamboul" is advertised to run for a few more nights.

Recently a mistake was made by the Police Records Department which led to a prisoner who was convicted of gambling to undergo a penalty rather more severe than the case deserved. This man had been brought before the Magistrate and charged with gambling, and a previous conviction which should have been registered against another man, was, through a mistake, brought against this prisoner, with the result that he was sentenced to three months hard labour. The discovery of this error now requires a readjustment of the Magistrate's sentence, and for this purpose a reopening of the case was applied for to-day by the Police.

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table good to the Colony. (Applause). And their value is greatly enhanced, as this is, by the gracious presence of our revered Governor. (Applause). On the last occasion I alluded to, His Excellency did us a similar honour, which testifies to the interest he takes in our welfare. Needless to say, the hosts of this evening highly appreciate this honour, as must do the whole Chinese community; and they are no less appreciative of the compliment which the other distinguished guests have paid us by participating in this function. (Applause). I am not going to tell each of them what a fine fellow he is. (Laughter). It is unnecessary. All that I am going to do is to thank them on behalf of my fellow-hosts, and myself, for their presence, and to assure them of our high esteem and regard. (Applause). With these few uninteresting but sincere remarks, I will call upon my compatriots to drink to the health of our other guests, associating with the toast the name of Sir Reginald Stubbs, who by his rare qualities has already won the admiration of the whole community. (Applause).

When the toast had been drunk, His Excellency the Governor responded.

His Excellency's Speech.
His Excellency the Governor responded. He said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I think that on the occasion to which Mr. Ho Fook has so eloquently alluded I must have responded on behalf of the other guests and I feel quite sure that I said then the appropriate things to say and that if I were to repeat them, I should, as Mr. Ho Fook said, be convicted by the files of the local press of repeating myself, a thing which I am very sorry to do, and I am sure you will be quite sorry too. I will therefore only say on behalf of my fellow guests that I thank you very much for having given us the opportunity of being present to meet so many prominent members of the Chinese community and do honour to our distinguished colleagues, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Halifax. It is a pleasure to all of us to be present on this occasion and to testify in that way, as Mr. Ho Fook has said, to the unity of the people of Hongkong in general Chinese and Europeans. I feel sure that sentiments of mutual esteem are those which animate us on occasions of this kind. Speaking for myself and the Government, I should like to emphasize a remark of Mr. Fletcher's with regard to the duty of the Chinese towards the Government. I have been associated with government for a good many years and, I regret to say, that I regret to find that criticism from the West generally starts from the assumption that the Government has always got some ulterior

motive and that it is a motive that would probably not bear investigation. I have not found that amongst the Chinese. I have always found that they regard us as possibly rather a stupid people but as a people who really endeavour to do their best, and people whom it had pleased Providence to put in their control. I am very glad that they should have that feeling, and as they have that feeling it means that their comments and criticisms are helpful, and after all that is one excuse for comment and criticism. I think that probably if you refer to the remarks I made ten months ago you will find there everything which I ought to say on this occasion and I will not detain you further, merely to express on behalf of my fellow guests thanks for your hospitality and our appreciation of the opportunity which you have given us to meet you. (Applause).

Mr. Justice Gompertz: Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman, and all our kind hosts, I may say that when I accepted your very kind invitation to attend here to-night I did not expect I would have to get up and make a speech. I am but one of the other guests, one of the also ran. But it has been suggested, and it is a very pleasant task, that I should ask you to drink the health of our own genial Chairman. His native language is Chinese and he must therefore speak it better than he does English, but I for one find it difficult to believe that he can speak any language better than he does our own. I don't want to weary you with long iteration. As I once told you long ago "The Queen's Road from end to end is paved with good intentions." But on behalf of your guests to-night, our kind hosts, I ask you and I ask my fellow guests to join with you in toasting Mr. Lam Chu-pak. (Applause).

The toast was honoured and the

Chairman acknowledged it, after which the firing of crackers brought the proceedings to a close.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

BRITAIN LABOUR TROUBLES.

Owing mainly to the high cost and unsettled conditions of British labour, shipping and engineering contrasts continue to be diverted from Great Britain to the Continent.

ADMIRALTY'S MOVE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The British Admiralty is seeking to acquire some 2,000 square miles of smokeless steam coal-bearing territory in British Columbia. British Columbia coal seams are known to be extensive and valuable, and the coal is of excellent quality, while its proximity to the Pacific seaboard, with its numerous deep-water harbours, make them easily accessible. Nansaimo, on the Coast, has already a considerable export trade in coal, and there is no doubt that a big development in mining and shipping coal is possible.

LAWN TENNIS LESSONS.

Leading Players of the Year.
A. E. Crawley writes in the Other:

The lawn tennis "world," at least in this country, is quite rightly, always watching out for the appearance of new stars. As a rule it has to wait as well, and to resign itself to the continued presence of the old brigade. And the old brigade generally justifies its thyroidal continuation of life.

Taking our own players first, I perceived most promise in C. A. McCouchie and T. Bevan. The latter is not yet twenty; he was in the Eton cricket eleven, and cricket is a good introduction to lawn tennis. Among the boy players, who are now well catered for by many tournaments, Riba, Weinberg, Dearman, and Mahony were the best of a large field, the presence of which is encouraging.

Of the younger ladies, Miss D. C. Shepherd, Miss K. Betty, Mrs. R. C. Clayton, Miss E. L. Colyer, and Miss E. McKane are a fine contingent,

any of whom should soon be able to dispute the supremacy of Mile, Lenogen.

The older of our men players did very well in the best American, Australasian, and French company. Roper Barrett played little, but he is still the best tactician and strategist in doubles that the game possesses.

M. J. G. Ritchie, in several of his many victorious matches, played as well as ever during his career.

The life of a first-class player is certainly longer in lawn tennis than in most games. J. C. Parkes played but little, but that very well, once showing his former

greatness when he defeated W. M. Johnston at Wimbledon.

His brilliant running drive is still without an equal. A. R. F. Kingscote made a great fight against Tilden, the champion, at Wimbledon. He has many years, as well, once showing his former

greatness when he defeated W. M. Dawson and T. M. Mavrogordato, retained their form in doubles. Their defeat of Fisher and Beamish in the recent World's Championship of covered courts was a fine achievement. G. R. Sherwell

seems to be barred in the road to great things by his health. But he is a fine player of the enterprising school. In contrast, there are the brothers Lowe, confirmed baseliners. A. H. has played very little. F. G. has played much, and may feel rewarded by the opinion that he has never played better than towards the end of this season.

He is perhaps the most reliable off-the-ground player the game has had. W. C. Crawley is still young enough to have his best years in front of him. He rarely

played; but his recent defeat of Ritchie was among the best ex-

positions of the all-round game during the year. O. G. N. Turnbull is rather a conundrum; young and strong, with fine strokes, he seems to get no further. Max Woosnam, a real genius, does not play enough to develop his promise. He has it in him to be the finest player in the game.

THE AMERICAN INVASION.

The American invasion was successful. And we are told that there are some thirty youngsters in that great country of the calibre of Garland. The champion, W. T. Tilden, was new to us, but he was a revelation. For

power and variety of stroke he has never been equalled. His progress to the championship was triumphal, in the sense that he thought it out and analysed

the powers of his antagonists in

a masterly fashion. A theorist, and still under thirty, he

may further develop his game and tactics. W. M. Johnston, his partner and victim in the recent

national championship of the U.S.A., is a unique exponent of the forehead drive. A smallish, slight man, the force and deadly

accuracy of his drive are marvellous. He can follow it up with a strong forehand volley. Otherwise his strokes and tactics have little to do with it. R. N. Williams showed glimpses of past form and of present possibilities which

make Tilden and others regard

him as the greatest of all players.

Garland is a player of classical

style and more severity than

seems possible from so mild a

man. He and Williams are al-

most ideal doubles partners. Other

members of the American rank-

ing list were not over here—V.

Richards, Lindley Murray, R.

Roberts, W. T. Hayes, W. M.

Washburn, Wallace Johnson, nor

Willis, Davis, C. J. Griffin, and

others. It appears that Richards

is a new thing in the volly-

ing line, absolutely without vol-

leying, and that Johnson, of the chop,

is to be still improving. H. G.

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Of the Australasians, Patter- great stylists. Decugis, the father son, ex-champion, was out of French tennis, is out of practice and was easily beaten singles. J. Brunson is a young

Tilden. But he is very young, and his service is great; he has still a big future to look forward to. With Brookes in doubles he was formidable. S. N. Doubt

played rarely, but is actually im- proved as a singles player, though hitherto concentrating on doubles.

F. M. B. Fisher proved himself the most brilliant but most erratic player of the year. This big left-hander has a wonderful repertory of strokes and hits harder than any player.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

The South Africans had consider- able success, but they are not yet convincing as world's players. G. H. Dodd is extror- dinarily steady; Norton is a brill- iant boy with a hurricane style,

not likely to improve. L. Raymond, a solid base-liner, defeated the famous Kumagae, who was short of practice. A possible

national champion in the recent Blackboard, a dashing volle, er. The Japanese, Z. Shimizu, was interesting, but his weak

service and badly produced forehand spell no progress. Miszu, the Romanian, has a wonderful eye enabling him to half-volley nearly everything, but his methods are so eccentric that they are at present a fatal handicap.

Among the Frenchmen Gobert plays the greatest game on wood in covered courts we have yet seen. More than ever an artist, he has now added great

severity and determination. Laurentz has been brilliant; he

has played the volleying game as well as most players, but prefers to avoid it as being too exhausting.

F. G. Lowe has the credit of driving home the truth—that the volleying game in singles is useless against the best baseliners unless it is of superhuman energy

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To the poor under the Society's care (\$5 for each adult and \$1 for each child)	\$750.00
Poor in Italian Convent, Caine Road,	160.00
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Poor in French Convent, Causeway Bay,	100.00
Poor in "La Calvairie," Wongneibong Road,	50.00
Inmates of Blind Home, Hung Hom,	50.00
Inmates of St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Kowloon Tong,	50.00
	\$1,300.00

The last mentioned institution is for the aged poor of 60 years or over. There are at present, we understand, some 40 inmates in the Home, and the number is to be increased very soon. The Home is under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and will be in charge of the Little Sisters of the Poor, who will arrive in the Colony in a few months. It is at present being temporarily cared for by the Italian Sisters of Charity who very kindly, and at considerable sacrifice, spared three of their sisters for the work pending the arrival of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Building which was formerly the Rest House of the Basel Missionary Society, has been thoroughly overhauled and many improvements have been effected in order to fit it for its new inmates. A pretty little chapel has been prepared, and whole building has taken on that appearance of order and immaculate neatness which one always associates with institutions conducted by an order of nuns.

We are informed that when the Mother Provincial for the East of the Little Sisters of the Poor was in Hongkong recently on her way to Europe, she visited, among other institutions in the Colony, the Tung Wa Hospital, where she found some aged poor over 60 years, who, after treatment, had been allowed to remain in the hospital as they had no friends or relatives to take care of them. When she was told that these poor old people were occupying accommodation which was urgently required for cases needing treatment in the hospital, the Rev. Mother Provincial announced that the Little Sisters of the Poor, when they arrived, would be glad to receive these aged poor into their new Home and thus relieve the congestion in the Tung Wa Hospital.

Hongkong's new Home is doing an excellent work of charity, and we feel sure that the Little Sisters of the Poor will earn for them

THE YAUMATI TRAGEDY.

Funeral of Sergt. Gardiner.

The funeral of the late Lance Sergeant R. C. Gardiner took place last evening in the presence of a large and representative gathering of his brother officers of the Police Force. The remains encased in a plain coffin were brought over from Kowloon Mortuary in a Police launch to Tin Lok Lane pier where they were placed on a gun-carriage, drawn by eight Lance Sergeants. The Earl of the Wiltshires headed the procession, and the gun-carriage was followed by the Lance Sergeants, Mr. P. P. J. Windham, C.I.E. (Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. T. H. King (Deputy Superintendent of Police), Chief Inspector Kerr, Chief Detective Inspector Murison, Inspectors Sullivan, Gerrard, Grant, Appleton, Kent, Moore, Burchill, Earner, Jackson, Paterson, Colliford, Gordon, Mohinder Singh, Cockle, Nabor Khan, and other officers, the Revende Officers, Prison Warders, and Indian and Chinese members of the Police Force.

At the gate of the Protestant Cemetery, the coffin was lifted to the shoulders of six Lance Sergeants, and borne to the upper part of the Cemetery where the remains, after an impressive service conducted by the Rev. Copley Moyle, were transferred to their last resting place.

A large number of wreaths bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held by his colleagues. Following are the names of those who sent wreaths:-No. 2 Police Station, Sergeants' Mess (Central Police Station), Water Police Station, deceased's comrades of the Yaumati Police Mess, Central Sanitary Department, The Indian Police, European Revenue Officers, the Staff of Victoria Gaol, sub-inspectors and Sergeants of Central Police Station, Sergeants' Mess (Wiltshire Regiments), Sergeants of Water Police, Chinese detectives, Inspector Ng Mok and all Chinese constables, Naval Yard Police, Chief Inspector and Mrs. Kerr, Chief Detective Inspector Murison, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Inspector and Mrs. Purdon, Inspector Grant, Inspector and Mrs. O'Sullivan, Inspector and Mrs. Earner, Inspector Gordon, Inspector and Mrs. Appleton, Inspector and Mrs. Fox, Inspector and Mrs. Garrod and family, Inspector and Mrs. Caygill, Inspector Cockle, Inspector Gerard, Sergeant McLeish, Sub-Inspector Spear, Sub-Inspector and Mrs. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kylock, Mr. and Mrs. Millington, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clark, and Mr. E. T. W. Slay.

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Aston Villa	4 Bradford	1
Blackburn R.	2 Bolton Wand.	2
Chelsea	2 Sheffield U.	1
Everton	1 Sunderland	1
Arsenal	4 Huddersfield	0
Manchester U.	1 Manches. City	1
Middlesb'r	1 Derby County	0
Newcastle U.	3 Liverpool	0
Oldham Ath.	2 Burnley	2
Preston N.E.	2 Tottenham H.	1

SECOND DIVISION.

Cardiff City	4 Blackpool	2
Bristol City	1 Nottingham	0
Bury	0 Barnsley	0
Clapton	2 Rotherham C.	0
Notts County	1 Leicester City	1
Wednesday	3 Fulham	0
South Shields	1 Hull City	0
Stockport Co.	West Ham	0
Birmingham	2 Stoke	1
Wolverhampton	2 Port Vale	2

THIRD DIVISION.

Exeter City	1 Crystal Pal.	1
Grimbsy Town	2 Q.P. Rangers	1
Luton Town	4 Norwich City	0
Millwall	1 Watford	0
Northampton	3 Plymouth Ar.	0
Reading	2 Brentford	1
Southampton	4 Bristol Rov.	0
Swansea T.	0 Brighton	0

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Hibernians	2 Dundee	0
Falkirk	2 Heart of Mid.	2
Rangers	4 Hamilton A.	0
Clyde	2 Celtic	1
Reith Rovers	2 Greenock M.	0
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Hongkong, 28th December, 1920.

NOTICE.

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The Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 30th 1920, at 5.30 p.m. for 6 p.m. All Master Masons are invited to attend. Morning Dress.

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It is notified for information of owners of private chairs and rickshaws that licences for private chairs, private rickshaws and drivers are due for renewal on January 1st 1921.

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All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Dec. 29th will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

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From JAPAN

There is nothing so vastly entertaining as to watch the antics of the chief exponents of ball games when they come to try their hands at golf, says a writer in the *Observer*. Whether they are champions at billiards, lawn tennis, cricket, real tennis, and even the much despised croquet, it is all the same—failure more or less pronounced.

You would imagine that the billiards player, with his delicate touch and his power of concentration, would be a heaven-sent putter; that the tennis champion and the cricketer, with their forceful driving powers, and their wonderful sense of timing and accurate judges of distance, would make great hitters. This is certainly not the case, and why it should be so is altogether easy to understand.

They have, of course, been great cricketers who have made a success of golf. The Hon. F. S. Jackson, whose fame on the cricket-field was known in the remotest corners of the world, is now a plus two golfer and the present holder of the Parliamentary Cup.

He is as graceful and as stylish a golfer as he was a batsman; a golfer as he was a batsman; the controlled three-quarter swing of the club is beautifully rhythmic, while there is a decided whip of the hands when the ball is being hit.

Mr. Ernest Smith, the Yorkshire cricketer, another plus golfer, contrived to learn one game in order to become proficient at another.

Mr. W. G. Grace tried unsuccessfully to combine the cricket and the golf stroke.

I believe he became a single figure handicap man, but he could never quite understand how it was that the secret of this "paltry" game eluded him so persistently.

In a weak moment I was once rash enough to explain to him the fundamental difference between the golf swing and the cricket stroke or hit.

I was unmercifully waded aside, only to see him make the most horrible mess of his very next shot.

Mr. R. E. Foster and Mr. A. C. M. Croome were two other well-known cricketers who possessed the genius, so extraordinarily rare, of parcelling out the essentials of one game without necessarily those of another.

I know of no champion billiards player, with the single exception of Mr. Sidney Fry, who has ever made a first-class golfer.

STATIONARY V. MOVING BALL.

I have been led to these observations because of what I saw at Worpswede two days ago, when the Lawn Tennis Cup, presented by Lord Desborough, was being played for, and among the competitors were Great Britain's Davis Cup players—Messrs. A. R. F. Kingscote, A. E. Beamish, and A. H. Lowe.

In the case of Mr. Kingscote it can be said that he has some resemblance to a golfing style, but in the others it is practically non-existent. Mr. Kingscote had the

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Miss Wildin desires to thank her brother's many friends for their messages of condolence sent to her in her recent sad bereavement, and also for the floral tributes sent.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1920.

THE EXCHANGE PROBLEM.

A well-known financial authority has stated that there is no hope that international trade will resume its normal and natural course until something is done to introduce a feeling of stability and security in the exchange market. This problem is fundamental, and touches every corner of industry and trade. It is, perhaps, the most difficult of the many reconstruction problems thrown upon us by the war, because it is essentially technical. There are two very different main questions which arise out of the exchange position. There is first, the wide difference between the present figures and parity; and, secondly, the incessant and violent fluctuations to which exchanges are now subject. In order to get back to the pre-war position we have not only to re-establish the old rate of exchange, but also to bring about the old stability. This latter is really of far more importance than the actual rate.

In view of the reasons stated above, it is, in the opinion of the Editor of *Ways and Means*, necessary to abandon any immediate hope of getting back to parity, and to see how far it is possible to revive and extend overseas business on exchanges as we find them to-day, for the purpose of foreign trade it does not really matter very much whether the mark stands at 20 or at 200, or whether the dollar is exchangeable for sovereigns at the rate of three or five. Whatever the rate of exchange is, it applies both to import and export, and foreign trade can be conducted. If the mark is only worth 200 to the sovereign, then the German will have to pay ten times as many marks for anything which requires import, but he can balance his account because he will receive ten times as many marks as was previously usual for anything he is able to export. Such a position is by no means ideal; it does not offer the facilities which were provided by the old parity, but it still leaves the door open for trade on a large scale, even, however, the mark is liable to fluctuate to the extent of 100 per cent. in a couple of months, trade becomes utterly and entirely impossible. The exchange problem (keeping for the moment to Germany for the purposes of illustration) boils itself down to these two questions: (a) Can we get back to parity? (b) Can we get back to stability? To ask the first question is surely to answer it; there is no hope within present prospect of the mark to its relative international position of six years ago. If this were understood, acknowledged, and admitted a great deal of confusion of thought could be removed; the work of getting the mark back to the old parity is the work of half a century, and must be accomplished a great deal by a long, slow, gradual, and painful process. But a long task cannot be commenced until trade begins to flow, and a beginning is rendered impossible by the instability of the present rate of exchange. It would not be difficult to arrive at what may be described as the natural rate of exchange, and if that were reached and unnatural influences ceased to operate, then the merchants and traders of both countries would have a basis upon which they could confidently calculate, and trade could be resumed at least at the old amount of confidence and certainty. What applies to the mark applies to every other exchange; we only use the mark as an illustration. How, then, can stability be secured in the exchange markets of the world? How can the violent fluctuations which are now a complete barrier to overseas development be obviated? What are the influences which bring about the violent fluctuations? A difference of five francs in two marks in the value of the sovereign could not be accounted for by ordinary trading operations between London and Paris. It is obvious that outside influences are at work, and the most likely examination of the problem shows that the most powerful of these outside influences are the operations of the world's Government.

It has well been said that if Governments could be removed from the exchange market—that is, if Government procedure could be brought within such limits that exchanges were not liable to be dictated by it—we should at once arrive at a natural rate of exchange between all countries. That rate would be very different from the old parity; but it would be natural and this is the very essence of the matter. It would represent the actual financial impecuniosity. In addition to these sums it is reported that sundry members of the ex-Imperial family, as well as number of the nobility, were engaged in smuggling remittances to Holland amounting to some 250,000,000 marks. If, as appears, this took place during the war, it sheds an illuminating sidelight upon the feelings of Germany's reigning house during those days when Wilhelm was issuing flamboyant addresses to "my invincible Army."

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Yaumati Tragedy.

Once again it has been our sad duty to report the death, whilst engaged in discharging his duty, of a member of the Hongkong Police Force. Monday night's tragedy was reminiscent of the well-remembered Gresson Street affair and goes to prove the often hazardous task a police officer's is and the constant debt the community of the Colony owes to its Police Force. Of late there has been a welcome absence of the more serious cases of crime within the Colony, but it is inevitable that with the close approach of the Chinese New Year and the unhindered entry into the Colony that criminals enjoy cases of desperate crime will crop up.

It is to our efficient Police Force that our thanks must always go for a Colony so remarkably free from the terrorism of desperadoes—thanks that we are not always prone to give. Another member of that Force has paid with his life for our daily safety and one of his comrades has been wounded on our behalf. Surely, it is only right that we should, whilst expressing our deepest sympathy, acknowledge the debt we owe.

The more detailed facts of the happening are still a little obscure but enough is known to show that the late Sergt. Gardiner was murdered by a gang of robbers whose pre-arranged crime he and others were engaged in preventing. But for the tragedy it would have scarcely come to the public notice; there might have been police court proceedings that would have been read by a few and considered matter-of-fact. But there is a very real depth of public gratitude felt by those who know of all the work of prevention that is constantly being achieved, and the members of the Force can rest assured that there is appreciation, even if praises are but seldom sung.

The Dean's Dirge.

Dr. Inge has shown himself to be a useful critic upon occasion, and the fact that he was apt to be outspoken and not over-sanguine about the future scarcely justified the epithet of the "gloomy dean" bestowed upon him by one of the London daily journals some years ago now. In the latest of his utterances the Dean does seem to correspond uncomfortably closely with this appellation. He leads off with the old jeremiad about the country going to the dogs, or, rather, he "improves" upon this by intimating that the bow-wow's about the future scarcely justified the epithet of the "gloomy dean" bestowed upon him by one of the London daily journals some years ago now. In the latest of his utterances the Dean does seem to correspond uncomfortably closely with this appellation. 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LINES FROM
LINKUMDODIDE.

(Continued from Page 6.)
off to a tea (or "t" or whatever way one writes "tea" when you're not writing of something to drink.) And that's about all there's to it excepting that it's valuable at the price I paid for it—and that was nothing. Some folks should be paid for reading a book like you. The other way about it verges on robbery on the part of the publisher.

I think it was Sam Johnson that said that the chief glory of every people arose from its authors. It went somewhat like that anyway and was quite good, coming, as it did, from a man who hadn't any particular understanding of Scot's folk and didn't take any pains to hide it either. Of course you get lots of folk who maintain that if it hadn't been Boswell, old man Johnson's gas would have been put in a very small peep indeed. But then again, it all happened such a long time ago that it seems scarcely worth while starting to argue about it this year of grace. Owyen never admitting that what he said was right about the author is, I wonder what he would have said were he alive today and had the run of this autumn's literary output. And he was a man, mind ye, that didn't even take the trouble to mince his case; he would not have left only one long in doubt about his opinion. But when we're at it, does egotism and vanity go out of fashion in any age? Shall we ever get rid of freakish and unconventional folks always ready to bare themselves to public opinion? Or was it a question of cash that drove Mrs. A. to sneak on her friends by the literary route? I believe there is no automatic pension for ex-Prime Ministers. I know lots of wives who help the family exchequer for all that; so maybe Margot sins in good company.

I see that the Duke of York has been opening the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London. No doubt the building was simply waiting for his noble dukedom to be out of a job one day. It's been open for while now, ever since it's been shifted from Poplar (where it originally was a kind of seaman's hospital) to Emsley Gardens, just nearly opposite

FOR THE POOR.

Grand Fair at Macao.
On the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of January all the schools of Macao are to unite in giving a Grand Fair and Exhibition in aid of the poor children of the Colony. The profits derived from this entertainment will be given to the "Caixa Escolar," an institution which gives such children clothing food and stationery.

A large field at Tap Siac has been borrowed, and work is now proceeding on the erection of booths, kiosks, pagodas and other buildings.

There will be a theatre, where the pupils of the Salesian College and St. Joseph's Seminary will drill, dance, and sing. At another theatre a circus performance will be given, with gymnastic displays, both comic and musical. The College of Sta. Rosa da Lima has presented a Christmas Tree. The Liceu Central will produce various amusements, including a Teashop, a "Dream Stall," and an exhibition called the "Scientific World," showing marvellous electrical and other apparatus in action. The Pedro Nolasco Commercial School will operate a Kermesse, a Flower Shop, a Rifle Range and a Lottery. There will also be an exhibition of articles of the new art of Trapeology. Races and dancing will take place, and at dusk the precincts will be illuminated by electricity.

Admission to the grounds will be free.

Any further information will be given gladly by Mr. L. Reis, of the Liceu Central de Macau.

Euston Station. The last time I was in London I went there to see a very good friend of mine and I was very favourably impressed wif' the place. I would recommend it to folks on East that have to come home wif' troubles peculiarly Eastern. A man troubled wif' sprue for instance doesn't run any risk of being operated on for appendicitis and there's lots of skin diseases diagnosed as leprosy in China that have made a forenoon's joke among the doctors at your hospital.

Wif' a place like you and ships on the sea the "white man's grave," no matter where, is in for a slack time and in grave danger of being pushed off the map altogether.

Yours etc.,
R. Mc. W.

AVIATION NOTES.

[By "Meteorite."]
The much talked-of aeroplane wing invention of the Handley Page Company has been revealed at last to be a very simple design. In the latest Bulletin issued by the Company, the merits of the new wing are thus discussed:

The special feature of the new Handley Page Wing is that by its use, landing speeds far slower than those obtained up to the present will be possible, or, conversely, greater loads can be carried or higher speeds obtained with the same horse power.

Another special feature of the Handley Page Wing is that it has very much greater lift for every square foot of its surface compared with an ordinary wing, and this is accomplished by a most simple wing construction, which at first sight would seem to reduce rather than increase the lift of the wing. The construction consists in having slots right through the plane, connecting the lower and the upper surfaces, and to the uninitiated it would appear that these slots, allowing the air to escape from the under to the upper surface of the wing, took away all the lift. Strange as it may seem, the reverse is exactly the case. The slots in the wing virtually convert a single wing into a number of wings, and increase the lifting power of the wing two or three times as much as in the ordinary construction.

Supposing, for instance, that a machine today lifts a total weight of a ton and a half and has a wing area of 400 square feet. With the new construction it will be possible to lift the same weight with a wing area of only 200 to 300 square feet. In consequence, owing to their smaller size, the wings can be built much more stoutly without increasing the weight, and so all-metal wings become much more possible commercially.

Beyond this is the further and most important feature. With the high-lifting capacity of these wings it is possible to fly more efficiently at full speed. These new wings at full speed are inclined at larger and more efficient angles than heretofore, so that the lift is obtained with much less horse power to drive the machines through the air. Up to the present it has not been possible to design machines heavily loaded and efficient such as this, because it would have meant the commercially impossible landing speeds of 70 to 80 miles an hour. Now, however, with this new construction landing speeds smaller even than those now used have been obtained with all the advantages described above.

It is from a fundamental advance such as this that progress in Aircraft will be made. First comes the improvement in basic principle, next the adaptation to engineering design and lastly operation in service at a decreased cost and with increased reliability to the public. Time must elapse before the public will benefit from these advantages. Minor improvements may be necessary for their full advantage to be gained, but there is no doubt that it is on advances such as these that the whole future of Aircraft development depends.

In viewing to-day the aeroplane fitted with an early type of this slot, it is possible to see the beginning of the practical accomplishment in flying of what laboratory tests have shown can finally be accomplished.

BIG OPIUM HAUL.

Over 2,000 Taels.

From a junk at Yaumati, yesterday, Revenue Officer Clark and a party of Chinese officers made an important opium seizure which resulted in a Chinese man and woman, members of the crew, being detained for Magisterial examination.

The drug, which amounted to 2,393 taels, of the value of \$36,000, was found concealed in the double bottom of the vessel. Its long sojourn there was indicated by the rotten condition of the cloth and paper wrapping with which it was preserved.

Mr. J. M. Hall, who was instructed to defend the prisoners, appeared in the Court this morning when the case was called before Mr. G. N. Orme. He asked for a remand and this was granted, the case being fixed for hearing on Monday afternoon.

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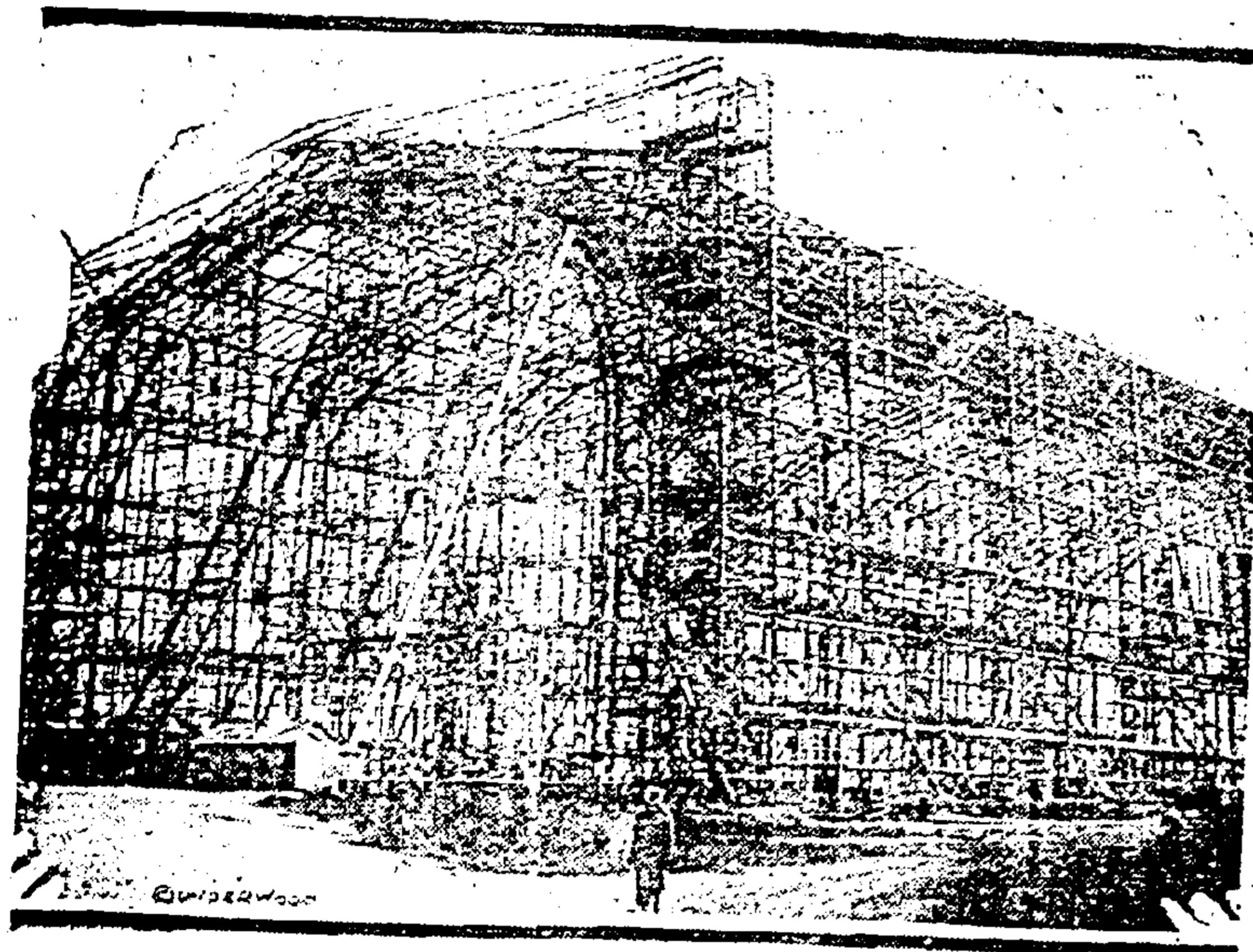
THE ROYAL FAMILY.

The most recent photograph of the British Royal Family taken shortly after the return of the Prince of Wales from his recent Imperial tour.



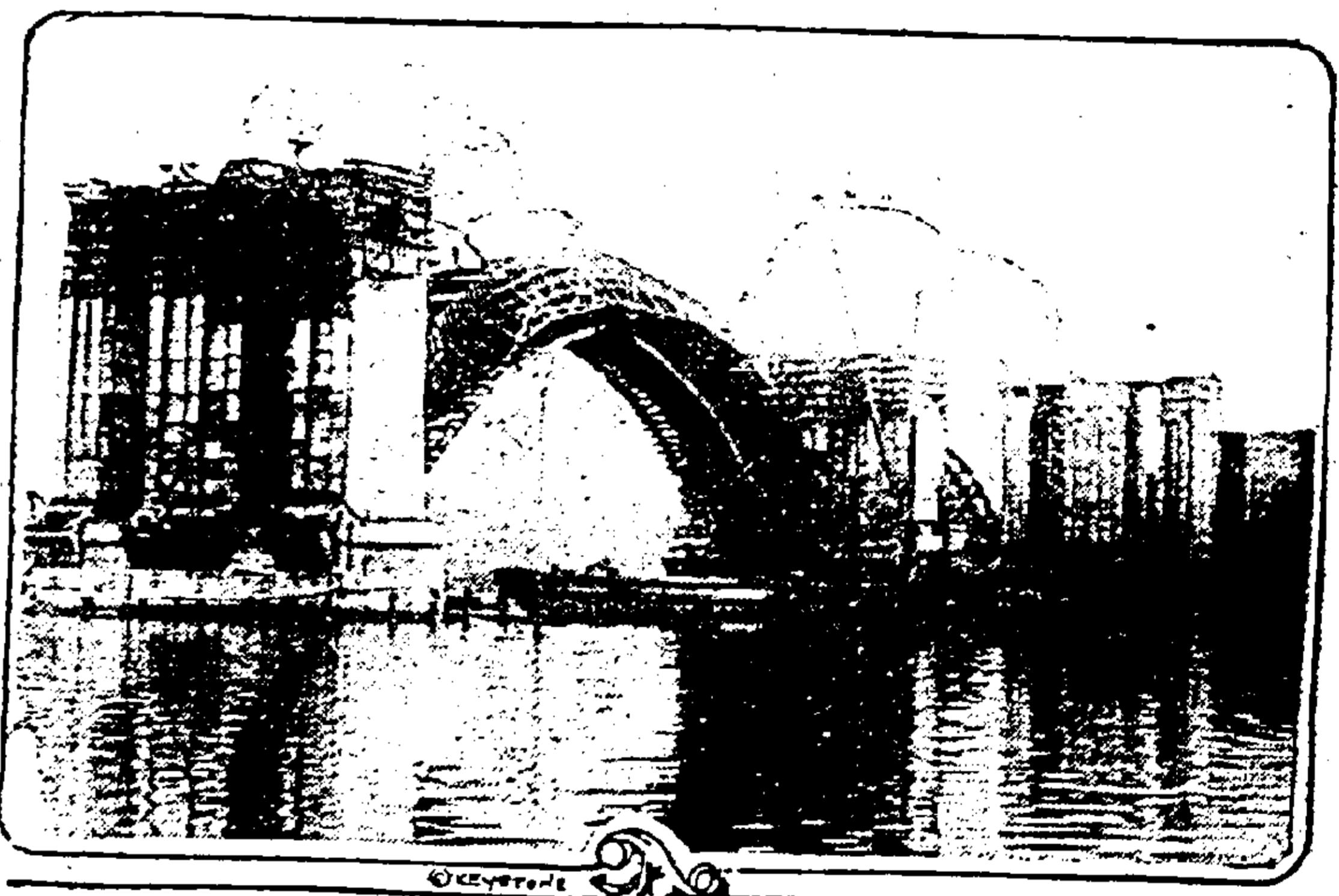
TYPIFYING PEACE

Swiss maidens in an interpretative dance indicating Peace, which was staged at Geneva in honour of the visit of the League of Nations Assembly.



A HUGE HANGAR.

To house the world's largest dirigible, now being built in England for the U. S. Government, the American Navy is building a giant hanger at Lakehurst, N. J. Photo shows the structure in course of erection.



MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

The bridge shown above is being erected in Washington, D.C., as a memorial to Francis Scott Key, who wrote the National Anthem.

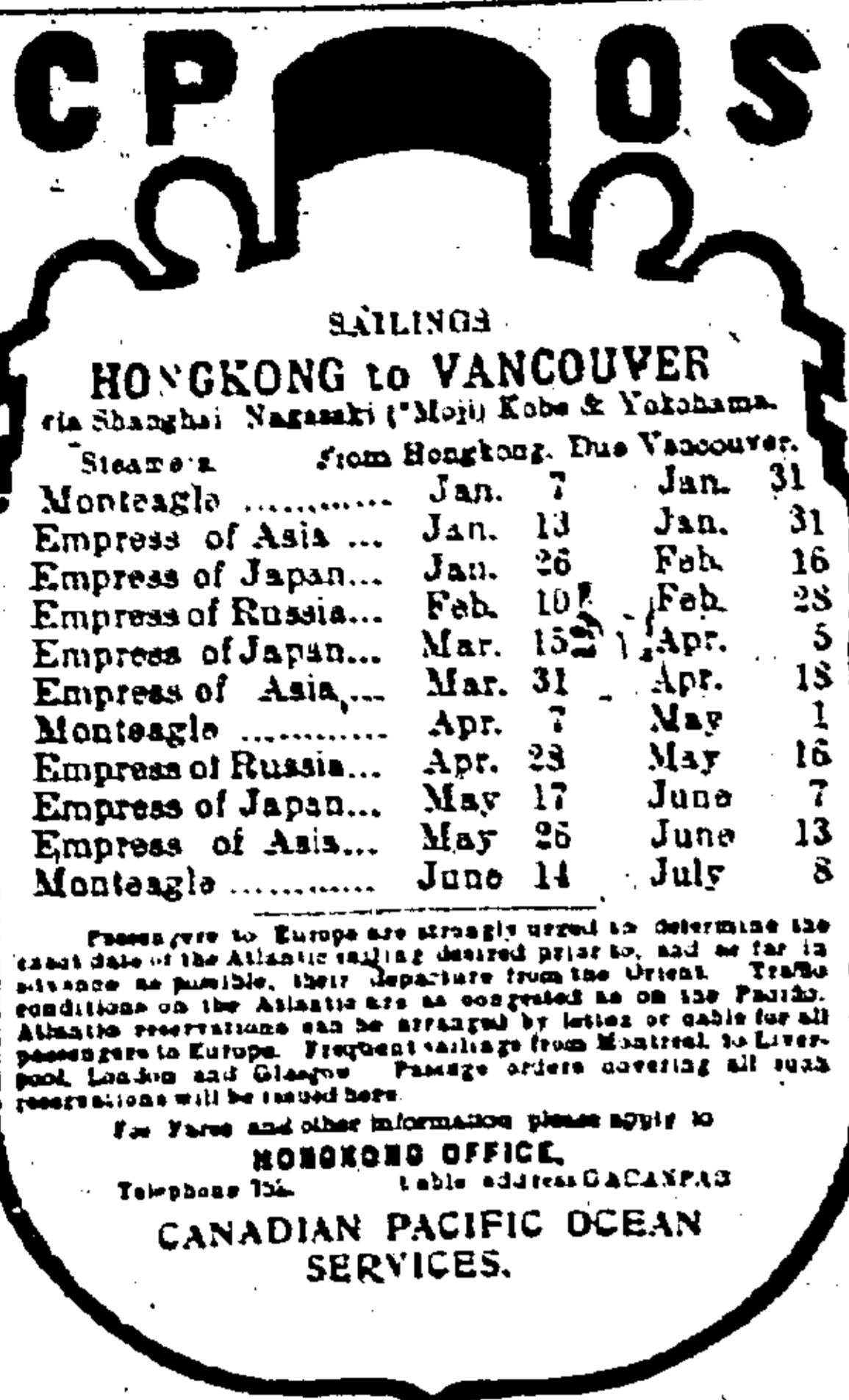
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Tanda	P. & O.	Dec. 30
Romeo	B. L.	Dec. 31
Crooksey	A. L.	Dec. 31
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Dec. 31
St. Albans	F. & O.	Dec. 31
Tyndale	R. & S.	Dec. 31
Sicilia	P. & O.	Jan. 1
Montague	A. L.	Jan. 1
Taiwan	B. & S.	Jan. 3
Bolton C.	D. & Co.	Jan. 6
C. of Agria	B. L.	Jan. 7
Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 7
Rhenus	B. & S.	Jan. 7
Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 7
Laomedon	B. & S.	Jan. 10
Glenada	J. M. Co.	Jan. 10
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Tydeus	B. & S.	Jan. 10
W. Jeator	F. W. Co.	Jan. 10
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Dilwara	P. & O.	Jan. 11
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SICILIA	7,000	1st Jan.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
DILWARA	5,400	11th Jan.	Spore, Colombo & B'bay.
BREMEN	11,500	10th Jan.	Marsilles & London.
BANCA	6,000	31st Jan.	Spore, Colombo & B'bay.
PLASSY	7,500	23rd Jan.	M'les, London & Antwerp.

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TANDA	7,000	30 Dec. 1 p.m.	{ Calcutta via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)			{ Melbourne via Sandakan, Thursday Island Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.

EASTERN	4,000	19th Jan.	{ Melbourne via Sandakan, Thursday Island Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
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EURYALUS	—	30 Dec. 9 a.m.	Amoy.
DILWARA	5,400	30th Dec. noon	Shanghai only.
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Port Said & Marseilles.IYO MARU ... Wednesday, 29th Dec., at 11 a.m.
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SHIZUOKA MARU ... Friday, 14th Jan., at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG, LONDON & ROTTERDAM via Suez.

TSURUGA MARU ... Wednesday, 12th January.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez.

AWA MARU ... Tuesday, 28th December.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday

Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

NIKKO MARU ... Middle of January.

AKI MARU ... Middle of February.

NEW YORK via Suez.

NAGANO MARU ... Tuesday, 28th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

RANGOON MARU ... Tuesday, 11th January.

KAWACHI MARU ... Wednesday, 26th January.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TEUBOSHI MARU ... Thursday, 30th December.

TAKAOKA MARU ... Thursday, 6th January.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

AKI MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Jan., at 11 a.m.

SHANCHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA

KOTSU MARU ... (Omitting Yokohama) Sun., 2nd Jan.

SANUKI MARU ... Monday, 3rd January.

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HAIPHONG via Hoitow Lotsong Wed. 5th Jan. at 10 a.m.

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VISUAL RUSSIAN CONSULATE.

Shop to be Closed.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary forwards the following correspondence, which explains itself.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1920.

T. the Colonial Secretary.

Sir.—Under circumstances over which I have no control I am forced to close the Russian Consulate at Hongkong soon.

The liquidation of the affairs of the Consulate necessarily occupy some time, and I will have the honour to inform you later of the definite date of the closing of that institution which has been in my charge during the last ten years.

In asking you to bring this to the knowledge of His Excellency the Governor, I take the opportunity to offer you the assurances of my high consideration and very sincere thanks for your assistance and invaluable courtesy.

(Sp.) W. D'OEITTINGEN.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th November, 1920.

To M. d'OEITTINGEN, Consul for Russia.

Sir.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 408 of the 20th November in which you report that the Russian Consulate at Hongkong is about to be closed.

I wish to express the regret of this Government at the coming termination of the cordial relations which it has maintained with you over so long a period; and I take the opportunity to thank you for the valuable assistance and advice which you have so frequently given in all matters relating to Russian affairs.

I assure you of my highest consideration.—I am, etc.

(Sd.) M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

According to subsequent information from the Russian Consul, the Consulate will be closed as from 1st January, 1921.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

The U.S.S. B's LAKE FARMINGDALE, operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, arrived this morning from Calcutta with 150 tons of direct and 2,000 tons of through cargo.—Mooring C 44.

The s.s. TANDA arrived yesterday from Kobe and Moji with 373 tons of cargo for Hongkong and 1,030 tons for other ports. She carried 31 first-class passengers—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

Coal was consigned here yesterday by the CHIPING (2,390 tons) from Hongkay and by the HARU M. (4,590 tons) for Chin-wangtan.

From New York there arrived this morning the s.s. MESOPOTAMIA with 339 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 1,139 tons for through ports.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

The TELEMACUSIS consigned here this morning from Saigon 2,000 tons of rice. She carried 166 deck passengers. She encountered strong monsoon from Saigon River to Padaran.—Mooring A 28.

The IYO MARU arrived yesterday from Yokohama with 2,500 tons of through cargo. She had on board 121 first-class passengers.—Mooring A 21.

CLEARANCES AND DEPARTURES.

The COLOMBIA left at noon to-day for San Francisco with 2,400 tons of cargo.

The SEANG BEE also left at noon for Rangoon with 450 tons.

The MONTAGUE departed at 6 p.m. yesterday for Portland with 1,800 tons.

The IYO MARU left for London to-day at 11 a.m. with 1,000 tons.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day on date on date.

Temperature ... 30.07 30.07 30.02

Humidity ... 79 65 68

Wind Direction ... E E E

Wind Force ... 3 4 4

Weather ... b o o

Rain ... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open air temperature on the 28th 70

lowest open air temperature on the 29th 65

J. F. CLAXTON, Director.
H.K. Observatory, Dec. 29.

MYSTIC ART.

Chefalo and Palermo Coming.

Mlle. Palermo, who appears here shortly with Chefalo, has been described all over America and the Continent, as one of the world's greatest artists of leggarmain. The "marvellous" Chefalo and she are accompanied by a party of six and they present the successful European mystic act called the Garden of Mystery, the whole act amid extraordinarily beautiful stage settings, while the "piquant" Palermo wears some of the most extravagant gowns of the creation of man and woman. The Garden of Mystery was described by the New York Times as one of the most elaborate productions ever staged for this kind of entertainment and the startling illusions which follow each other in rapid succession are amazing. Palermo, is one of the greatest mistresses of magic since the days of Herrmann and Chefalo's performance also is a feature. Magnificent scenes and stupendous electrical effects are used throughout the production. Palermo herself presents a symphony of illusions and original and astounding tricks. Any woman, it is said, can trick a man but Palermo is one who throws down a royal flush just as you are chuckling that you have drawn the winning hand. In each of her exhibitions she appears in a different robe. Where, when and how she changes are themselves all part of the net of mystery she weaves around you. But in successive moments you find that Cleopatra, an Indian, a Spanish lady, a girl, a tigress in fantasy, an Egyptian, a Chinese, a Moorish maid, a dancer or a grand dame in the latest French mode, who is showing you how easy it is to be a conjurer. In addition to the mystic feats Mlle. Palermo gives a real Spanish dance and she and Chefalo show how the real Argentine tango should be danced, for they learnt each in the country of their origin in their world tour. Chefalo and Palermo appear here in the Theatre Royal commencing on Saturday week January 8. Seats can now be reserved in advance at Moutries and the prices are \$3, \$2 and \$1. Mr. Duncan Nevin, the well-known Australian manager, accompanies them on their tour of the East.

LEFT FOR HOME.

Hearty Send-off for Mr. and Mrs. Stabb.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Stabb left this morning by the a.s. Colombia and were given a magnificent send-off from Statue Pier. The staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation carried Mr. Stabb shoulder-high from the Bank building to the pier, while Mrs. Stabb was transported by chair. Long strings of crackers were fired from the Bank premises, so intense was the firing that business in the Supreme Court had to be suspended.

A large and representative crowd gathered at the Pier to wish Mr. and Mrs. Stabb good-bye. There were representatives of the Banks, and brokers, leading residents of the Colony and a large number of ladies, together with a large portion of the European staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stabb were visibly touched, and after wishing good-bye and shaking hands with all those present on the Pier they boarded the launch Woofung. Large and beautiful bouquets were placed on the launch, in which also were Mr. A. G. Stephen, Mr. Ho Wing the Bank's comprador, and a few very personal friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stabb. Three cheers were given for the departing residents.

Last night at the mess of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank a dinner was given to Mr. Stabb.

EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11.)

SELLING.

T/T	3/14
Demand	3/1 15/16
30 d/s	3/2 1/16
60 d/s	3/2 3/16
4 m/s	3/2 5/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	136
T/T Japan	114
T/T India	219
Demand, India	219
T/T San Francisco	55/4
& New York	55/4
T/T Java	174/2
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	945
Demand, Paris	—

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	3 3/4
4 m/s. D/P	3 4/5
5 m/s. L/C	3 4/5
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	3 4/5
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	57
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	10/05
6 m/s. France	10/25
Demand, Germany	5/3/4
Demand, New York	5/3/4
T/T Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	—
On Yokohama	114
Demand, Manila	122 Nom.
Demand, Singapore	136
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	67
Sovereign	Nom. 6/25
Gold leaf per Tael	45.40
Bar Silver, ready	42
forward	42
Bank of England rates	7%
New York/London	3.50/4

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cts. pieces	1/10 dis.
10 "	3/16 dis.
5 "	2 7/10 dis.
Canton subcoins	16.6 dis.
Hongkong Dec. 29, 1920.	

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per a.s. COLOMBIA.—Mrs. H. W. Bramble, Rev. B. B. Bronson, Mr. B. E. Bronson, H. Bland, G. T. Cook, J. B. Cooley, T. T. Chugatini, Mrs. L. Dugraine, Miss I. S. Dreyfus, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dwyer, John Dietz, C. F. Elkington, Capt. and Mrs. C. C. Fitzhugh, Mrs. J. C. Field, J. H. Green, F. Goble, Miss F. M. Hewitt, Mrs. R. J. Harrison, W. D. Kraft, L. D. Lardis, Mr. E. Luns, Mr. G. Motz, Mr. & Mrs. A. Miller, & 2 Children, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. McClure, Mr. T. V. Naylor, Mr. Y. F. Niderhausen, Mr. D. L. Ridgen, Mr. & Mrs. N. J. Stabb, Miss M. Schneider, Mr. W. P. Strawson, Mr. Y. Shimada, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Soohoo, Mr. F. W. T. Travers, Miss Grace M. Turton, Mr. H. M. Tuska, Mr. H. U. United, Mr. & Mrs. Perry Weans, Misses M. L. Weans, Mr. C. F. Welsh, Mr. H. Wilson, Capt. L. Zwaal.

INWARD MAIL.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai—Per MONTEAGLE, 31st Dec.

OUTWARD MAIL.

To-morrow.

Shanghai & North China—Per DILWARA, 11 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, & Calcutta—Per TANDA, noon.

Fort Bayard, Howth & Haiphong—Per HANOI, 5 p.m.

Amoy—Per EURYALUS, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per HYDRANGEA, 3:30 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok and Calcutta—Per LAKE FIELDING, 5 p.m.

Japan—Per TILATJAP, 5 p.m.

Temperatures, Amoy and Taka—Per SOSHU M., 9 a.m.

Weather—Per N. China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

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TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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Banks.

H.K. & S. Bank, ss. 770

East Asia, b. 123

Marine Insurance.

Canton 376

North China 153